Reinvestigation of Dam Projects

688. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2516 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 2000 to state:

(a) whether few dam projects are reinvestigated and separate DPR is being prepared; and

(b) if so, the details of such projects indicating revised outlays, executing agencies entrusted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Brahmaputra Board had prepared Detailed Project Reports for Subansiri Multipurpose and Dehang (Siang) Multipurpose Dam Projects as single dam projects in April, 1983 and May, 1983 respectively. But due to reservations of Arunachal Pradesh Government on account of submergence of some important towns and district headquarters, it was decided to reinvestigate both the proposals in the year 1996. On reinvestigation in order to reduce submergence, it was decided to have three dams each of moderate height on Dehang and Subansiri rivers respectively. Accordingly the preparation of Detailed Project Report of Subansiri Lower Dam Project was taken up in March, 1999 by the Brahmaputra Board. To expedite the execution of works the six schemes on Dehang and Subansiri rivers have been handed over to the National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation (NHPC), Ministry of Power in May, 2000.